

All Torrance Post Office personnel have been invited to a potluck picnic at the Torrance Municipal Park on Tuesday, June 14, at 5 p.m. For further information, those interested may call Mrs. Keith Lyone at DA 6-0169; Mrs. Alan Nance at FR 5-6354; Mrs. Stan Winer at FR 5-5837, or check bulletin boards at the three stations.

DEAR EDITOR....

Against Compulsory Rabies Vaccination

(The following letter was sent to the City Council. The author of it opposes a compulsory rabies vaccination law for dogs. We are reprinting it for the benefit of our readers.—Editor's note.)

Editor
Torrance Press

Your Honorable Body is in the process of considering an ordinance for the compulsory vaccination of dogs for rabies. Before you jeopardize the personal rights of owners of dogs within this city, it is hoped that you will consider their personal liberties, as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. It is further anticipated that such an Ordinance would be unconstitutional, by virtue of the fact that a dog may be considered a watch dog, and as such, is equivalent to a personal insurance policy over which the city has no control.

Are you aware of the number of policemen that might be required to replace the protection afforded by the canine pets now owned by residents of this city? Are you also familiar with the lack of enforcement of the Leash Law now in force in this city?

Due to pressure from one newspaper published and cir-

culated in the City of Torrance, people have been led to believe that all dogs are rabid when they bite a person. It wouldn't surprise me that the dog may be mad from the way some children, and even adults, treat the so-called "dumb" animal. Actually, the dog may be much smarter than its tormentors and bites them as its only means of conveying the idea that it should receive more respect and better treatment.

Has there ever been a death in this city directly attributable to rabies contracted by dog bite? I believe not.

Let us, therefore, aid in the control of this disease, rather than try to enforce compulsory anything upon anyone. One way of doing this might be to automatically vaccinate all animals which are picked up roaming the streets. These are the most likely offenders to the well being of the citizen at large. Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we trust that your best judgment will prevail in deliberating this issue.

Sincerely yours,
(S) J. C. FREELAND

Benefits Dogs

Editor,
Torrance Press,

In connection with the proposed compulsory rabies law, I wish to state that I have been a dog-owner all my life and nobody could possibly think more of their dog than I do.

That is the main reason why I have kept her vaccinated against rabies ever since I have owned her.

I believe it is for my dog's benefit as well as anyone else's. I am for it.

Sincerely,
MRS. JOHN HARRINGTON
(signed)
1637 Fern Ave.

Opposed To Rabies Shots

Editor,
Torrance Press

The enclosed clipping from the Torrance Press expressed me and my family's sense of the effort to make compulsory vaccination of dogs a law the undersigned indicated on the coupon that they were opposed to such a law—editor's note.)

Other communities have rejected this effort, and a very serious effort to enforce a leash law would be all that is required.

I have read the papers constantly during the past few years and I know well that if

conditions warranted drastic action we would know from the terrific play such cases would get on the front pages of the papers.

I have read of one or two persons being forced to undergo a treatment because of suspicion of rabies, but that is all. Will the press be forthright enough to print actual cases that have happened in the area for the past five years?

Dog lovers now have more than enough trouble and expense without turning this into a racket.

I am not a resident of Torrance but am active in business, church, social and club ties and would be concerned because of the great number of times I am in Torrance.

Sincerely,
(S) Mrs. D. J. Myers
and family

Editor's note: The Torrance Press has been quite forthright for several weeks in reporting on the recent rabies outbreak in Torrance. Four dogs actually died of rabies; a number of others were killed because their owners didn't want to take a chance on having them around because of possible contacts; and 18 residents, 10 of them children, were given the painful and dangerous Pasteur treatment because of suspected contact.

Rabies shots are like car insurance — even if you have only one serious accident in your life, it's too late to take out insurance AFTER the accident.)

For Rabies Law

Editor,
Torrance Press

This rabies outbreak really was brought home to us and I hope and pray they make a compulsory law to have all dogs vaccinated against such a dread disease.

My 21-year-old son was over

\$4½ Million Budget Gets Board OK

The preliminary school budget for the coming year, estimated at \$4,753,000, was approved by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Final vote will be held on the matter at the end of July.

This year's budget is about \$1 million higher than last year's which totaled \$3,405,000. Largest budget item is personnel salaries. Teachers' salaries will total \$2,900,000 as opposed to last year's \$2,060,000.

The increase is largely the result of new positions created to meet the district's growth.

A request for an increase in salaries made by the Torrance Educational association will be taken under advisement. The board indicated that they would grant salary increases if and wherever possible.

There will be no noticeable increase in the taxrate, school officials increase. Last year's tax rate called for \$2.99 per \$100 assessed valuation. This year it will be \$3.

to a friend's home in Torrance and played with their dog who died a few days later of rabies.

He had to undergo the Pasteur treatment which Dr. Kogan of the Health Department explained to me is dangerous in itself.

To protect our little children here in Southern California and everyone else something should be done right away.

I know that I went through a nightmare for a few days.

Sincerely,
(S) Mrs. Elsie M. Fletcher
2241 Pacific Coast h'wy.

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